



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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AGENDA TITLE: Adopt Resolution Rejecting the Bid, Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for the Cochran Road Street Improvements from Peach Street to Willow Avenue and Further Authorizing the City Manager to Award or Reject the Contract (Up to \$40,000)

MEETING DATE: May 19, 2004

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a resolution rejecting the bid for the above project, authorizing advertisement for bids, and further authorizing the City Manager to award or reject the contract up to \$40,000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This project consists of installing curb, gutter, sidewalk, and asphalt concrete pavement along the north side of Cochran Road from Peach Street to Willow Avenue, all as shown on the plans and specifications for "Cochran Road Street Improvements, Peach Street to Willow Avenue".

The City received one bid on March 24, 2004, from A.M. Stephens Construction Company of Lodi. The submitted bid price for this project was \$44,959.10, which is about 30% higher than the engineer's estimate (\$33,524.20). Staff has contacted A.M. Stephens Construction Company regarding the high bid prices. A.M. Stephens explained that the high prices were due to the small project size and the high subcontractors' prices submitted to them. Staff feels that the bid we received was not competitive enough and is investigating other ways to make the project more cost effective, which may include using City forces to perform some of the work. Cost saving measures will directly affect the property owners on this section of Cochran Road because the property owners are obligated to reimburse all the construction cost to the City for this project.

Staff is recommending the Council reject the bid for this project, authorize advertisement for new bids at a later date, and authorize the City Manager to award or reject the contract up to \$40,000.

The plans and specifications are on file in the Public Works Department.

FUNDING: Property Owners and Street Fund
Project Estimate: \$40,000
Planned Bid Opening Date: Unknown at this time
Funding Available:

Ruby Paiste, Acting Finance Director

Richard C. Prima, Jr.
Public Works Director

Prepared by Lyman Chang, Associate Civil Engineer
RCP/LC/pmf

cc: Street Superintendent
Management Analyst Areida
A.M. Stephens Construction

Senior Civil Engineer Fujitani
Associate Civil Engineer Chang
Property Owners

APPROVED:
H. Dixon Flynn, City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-96

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL REJECTING THE SOLE
BID, AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE COCHRAN
ROAD STREET IMPROVEMENTS FROM PEACH STREET TO WILLOW
AVENUE, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO
AWARD OR REJECT THE CONTRACT UP TO \$40,000

WHEREAS, this project consists of installing curb, gutter, sidewalk, and asphalt concrete pavement along the north side of Cochran Road from Peach Street to Willow Avenue; and

WHEREAS, this section of Cochran Road does not have any frontage improvements along the north side of the street, and installation of frontage improvements is the responsibility of the property owner per Lodi Municipal Code Chapter 15.44; and

WHEREAS, the City received one bid on March 24, 2004, from A.M. Stephens Construction Company, of Lodi, in the amount of \$44,959.10, which is approximately 30% higher than the engineer's estimate of \$33,524.20; and

WHEREAS, staff feels that this sole bid is not competitive and recommends rejecting the bid, advertising a second time, and further recommends authorizing the City Manager to award or reject the bid up to \$40,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby reject the sole bid of A. M. Stephens Construction, of Lodi, and further authorizes advertisement for bids for the Cochran Road Street Improvements from Peach Street to Willow Avenue; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to award or reject the contract up to \$40,000.00 for the Cochran Road Street Improvements from Peach Street to Willow Avenue.

Dated: May 19, 2004

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2004-96 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held May 19, 2004, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Beckman, Hitchcock, Howard, Land, and
Mayor Hansen

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



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May 13, 2004

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Property Owners

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List Attached*

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Enclosed is a copy of background information on an item on the City Council agenda of Wednesday, May 19, 2004. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street.

This item is on the consent calendar and is usually not discussed unless a Council Member requests discussion. The public is given an opportunity to address items on the consent calendar at the appropriate time.

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If you wish to address the Council at the Council Meeting, be sure to fill out a speaker's card (available at the Carnegie Forum immediately prior to the start of the meeting) and give it to the City Clerk. If you have any questions about communicating with the Council, please contact Susan Blackston, City Clerk, at (209) 333-6702.

If you have any questions about the item itself, please call Lyman Chang, Associate Civil Engineer, at (209) 333-6800, extension 2665.

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for: Richard C. Prima, Jr.
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Enclosure

cc: City Clerk

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